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### MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM OFFICE

SUBJECT: Military Specification & Standards Reform

I endorse the development of a Defense Standardization Strategic Plan. The Plan's focus areas, which link standardization with interoperability, logistics readiness and reduction in total ownership costs, is on target with helping us achieve the goals of Joint Vision 2010. Thus, I ask that you proceed with its implementation and keep me informed of your progress.

Though I am pleased with this strategic outlook, I believe the Department needs to take additional steps to accelerate the integration of acquisition and logistics reform in reprocurments. Consequently, I am directing the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform) to establish a senior Process Action Team (PAT), with Government members and industry association advisors, to address mil spec reform for legacy systems and acceleration of civil-military integration. Your participation on this team is essential. The team's primary focus will be to develop an action plan to apply military specification and standards reform to legacy systems. While we have made great strides in implementing such reform on new systems, we need to address reprocurments and modifications and upgrades for fielded systems. In addition, the PAT's focus will include related areas such as technology insertion, configuration management, interoperability and logistics supportability, as well as the relationship between mil spec reform for reprocurments and evolutionary acquisition.

The PAT will complement, and accelerate, the efforts of your Strategic Plan Integrated Product Teams. I look forward to your participation on both as we continue our reform efforts.



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